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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION**

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN
HIGHER EDUCATION,

Case No. 2:16-CV00911-CW

Plaintiff,

JOINT STATUS REPORT

vs.

Honorable Clark Waddoups

BETSY DeVOS, *et al.*,

Magistrate Judge Dustin B. Pead

Defendants.

Pursuant to the Court's April 23, 2018 order (ECF 79), the parties submit this joint status report advising the Court of the status of the parties' efforts to resolve the disputes leading to the current litigation.

1. On January 19, 2018, the Center for Excellence in Higher Education (CEHE) and the Department of Education filed a stipulated joint motion to stay proceedings (ECF 73) to allow the parties to continue discussions related to a resolution of this action. The Court granted

the parties' motion that same day (ECF 75) and ordered the parties to file a status report by April 20, 2018.

2. On April 20, 2018, the parties jointly submitted a status report (ECF 78) advising the Court that the parties have continued to evaluate whether this matter may be resolved without the need for further litigation and requesting a short continuation of the stay for 30 days. The Court then ordered (ECF 79) that the stay remain in place for another 30 days pursuant to the parties' request.

3. Since entry of the Court's order, the parties have continued their efforts to resolve this matter without the need for further litigation. The parties believe that the prospects for resolution of this matter without further litigation are significant enough to merit a further continuation of the stay. In light of these prospects for further progress and in the interest of judicial economy, there is good cause to continue the stay and provide the parties sufficient time to continue the ongoing process.

4. Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court continue the stay and allow the parties to file a new status report in 30 days to advise the Court of the status of the case.

Dated: May 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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